

INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Mid-term EC Meeting (April 15, 2010)

Venue: Division of Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi- 110012

Proceedings of Mid-term meeting of the Society held on April 15, 2010

Dr. S.C. Chatterjee, Secretary welcomed Dr. R.K. Jain, President and requested him to chair the meeting. He also welcomed all the new members of the Executive Council of the Indian Phytopathological Society for the year 2010 who have shown keen interest in the affairs of the Society and have come to attend this Mid-Term Meeting at IARI, New Delhi.

The following members of Executive Council were present:

Dr. R.K. Jain	:	President
Dr. T.S. Thind	:	President Elect
Dr. S.C. Chatterjee	:	Secretary
Dr. U.D. Singh	:	Joint Secretary
Dr. Pratibha Sharma	:	Treasurer
Dr. V.G. Malathi	:	Editor
Dr. S.K. Gandhi	:	Zonal President (NZ)
Dr. M.S. Sangwan	:	Zonal Councillor (NZ)
Dr. H.B. Singh	:	Zonal President (MEZ)
Dr. S.S. Vaish	:	Zonal Councillor (MEZ)
Dr. M. Anandraj	:	Zonal President (SZ)
Dr. G.K.N. Chhetry	:	Zonal President (EZ)

Drs. R.N. Pandey, Zonal President (WZ); K.R. Joshi Zonal Councillor (WZ); R.R. Pandey, Zonal Councillor (EZ), A.I. Bhat, Zonal Councillor (SZ) could not attend the meeting due to their pre-occupied schedule.

Executive Council 2010 nomination

Chairman, Dr. R.K. Jain presided over the meeting. Secretary presented the activity report and discussed about the nomination for Central and Delhi Zone. The following were nominated unanimously as Zonal President (ZP)/Councillor (ZC) of different zones:

Dr. S. Gangopadhyay	:	Zonal President (CZ)
Dr. A.K. Gaur	:	Zonal Councillor (CZ)
Dr. Rashmi Aggarwal	:	Zonal President (DZ)
Dr. M.S. Yadav	:	Zonal Councillor (DZ)

Composition of Editorial Board

Nominations for Editorial Board were discussed and Dr. V.B. Hosagoudar, TBGRI, Thiruvananthapuram was nominated as Associate Editor (Mycology) and other Editorial Board members nominated from different disciplines were as follows:

- Fungal pathology : 1. Dr. Naresh Mehta, Hisar
2. Dr. L. Daiho, Nagaland
- Virology : 1. Dr. G.P. Rao, Gorakhpur
2. Dr. S.K. Raj, Lucknow
- Bacteriology : 1. Dr. S.K. Duttamajumder, Lucknow
2. Dr. S.K. Chakrabarty, Shimla
- Mycology : 1. Ashok Aggarwal, Kurukshetra
- Nematology : 1. Dr. Uma Rao, New Delhi

Final composition of Editorial Board to be worked out by Secretary in consultation with Editor.

Journal

Format: It was informed that several changes in the journal have been done, it will have Helvetica font with matt finish paper and standard A4 size.

Printer: The present printing rate is six years old. Printing offers have been received with new parameters. Printers will be negotiated with revised rates by Secretary in consultation with President and Editor.

Time schedule: To avoid delayed processing of manuscripts, Dr. Thind expressed the need for strong back-up of referees who can quickly do the job in time for publication of the articles. Zonal Presidents were requested to send the names of the new referees.

Online & digitization: President and all the Executive members expressed the need for making the journal on-line and digitization of all the back volumes of the journal. The proposal was unanimously agreed and it was decided that the expenditure for this purpose can be met from the savings generated from International Conference. Making the journal online will also help in enhancing the impact factor of the journal.

Financial Resources:

Dr. Jalali proposed for improving the financial health of the Society and it was suggested that request may be sent to the old life members (after 5 years of superannuation) to pay Rs. 100.00 annually to receive hard copy of the journal and the proposal was endorsed by the EC.

Dr. R.K. Jain, President expressed the need for tapping other sources of finance from Govt. agencies like DST, etc.

Dr. H.B. Singh, Varanasi, Zonal President (MEZ) assured for a contribution of Rs. 25000.00 (Rs. Twenty five thousand only) from a private agency for insertion of one page (B/W) company profile in the journal.

National Symposium - 2010

The forth-coming National Symposium to be held at Anand Agricultural University, Anand (Guj.), Secretary informed that confirmation has been received from the Vice Chancellor of the University and he has nominated Dr. R.N. Pandey as Organizing Secretary. They have proposed two sets dates, i.e. Nov. 10-12, 2010 and Dec. 8-10, 2010. It was felt that Dec. 8-10, 2010 will be more appropriate for the National Symposium as it will provide sufficient time for Zonal Chapter activities which is desired to be completed by November 2010. Theme for the National Symposium "**Perspective in the Plant Health Management**" has been tentatively decided and it will be communicated to Organizing Secretary.

Awards

It was resolved that ZP/ZC should send the nominations at the earliest for different awards (2009). The Secretary will invite the biodata from the nominees giving one month time. The process to be completed by the mid of June 2010. The nominated person should be informed immediately for preparation of their presentation. For Young Scientist Award, open announcement with proper time frame will be printed in the forth-coming issue of the journal for its wider circulation.

Revision of staff salary

The Secretary informed that in view of the high inflation, there is need to consider the revision of salary which was last revised in 2006. It was resolved that the revision will commensurate with the position and work assignment. The following committee was constituted for the purpose:

Chairman : Dr. R.K. Jain, President
Members : Dr. S.C. Chatterjee, Secretary
Dr. Pratibha Sharma, Treasurer
Dr. V.G. Malathi, Editor
Dr. U.D. Singh, Joint Secretary

President and President elect congratulated all the members for successfully organizing the International Conference during Nov. 2009. Special thanks were given to the Secretary, Dr. Chatterjee that in spite of his ill health he took all pains to conduct the International Conference in an excellent manner. The meeting ended with vote of thanks from Chairman.


(S.C. Chatterjee)